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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Steven A. Olsen
 Serial No.: 09/960,537
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Petition for Extension of Time

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that
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 01 350225 a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action
 mailed January 27, 2004, said period of response being extended from April 27, 2004, to May
 27, 2004.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the
 required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,
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Date: May 11, 2004

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